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Hi, folks, thanks for reading this post. My name is Richard, and I was an OSU PhD student. I need help and advice from the good Ohio people. It is about my experience of unfairly treated by my former lawyer, Columbus Bar Association (CBA) and the Disciplinary Council of Ohio. I hope to get help from you and the public.

My former lawyer, Mr. James Blazek, took advantage of my lack of legal knowledge, manually modified our original contract without my consent and falsely took my money of over \$20,000. Columbus Bar Association and the Disciplinary Council ignored the obvious evidences that Mr. Blazek lied, and dismissed my grievance without any explanation. Below are some details.

I hired Mr. James Blazek as my attorney in late November 2011, for a "simple case" (as Mr. Blazek always described) that one of my bank accounts frozen by FBI. At the beginning Mr. Blazek estimated the total cost of his legal service was about \$4000 all inclusive (including fees of printing, mailing, tax-reporting on my behalf, and consulting other lawyers and CPAs etc). I agreed and we had an oral agreement that Mr. Blazek would charge me at an \$200 hourly rate. After our first meeting with FBI on November 30th 2011, Mr. Blazek asked me to transfer my other bank's money to his trust account, claiming that he could protect my other money from being frozen by FBI, which I did. From December 2011 to April 2012 the prime time of his representing we didn't have a written contract. I was naive enough to trust Mr. Blazek's integrity and believe that an oral agreement is legally enough. Until April 2012 when my FBI case was nearly settled and the rest was waiting for my funds to be returned from the government, Mr. Blazek suddenly asked me to sign the contract we should have signed 4 months ago. The contract contained two pages. The first page had an hourly rate of \$200 and our signature was on the second page. Somehow he didn't give me a copy of the signed contract which later proved to be his "strategy". When the government returned my funds in July 2012, Mr. Blazek suddenly showed me a contract with some hand-modified terms on the first page that I did not recognize at all, and my signature was still on the second page. According to this faked contract, he charged me on a contingency term of 20% of the funds returned. He was greedy enough to even include the money I deposited into his trust account in the "funds returned", which totaled about \$28,000. He refused to return my money from his trust account unless I agreed.

I have argued with him but he violently pushed me out of his office and threatened me with hard words. Without the proof of the original contract I have to be silent until I got help from another lawyer in another state. In 2013, I filed the grievance to Columbus Bar Association and then to Disciplinary Council of Ohio. However in despite of the obvious lies Mr. Blazek made to me, to CBA, and even to the Disciplinary Council my grievance was dismissed. The Disciplinary Council closed my case without any explanation but a decision! I feel very sad and helpless. I don't know where else to get help and to seek justice. It would be greatly appreciated if you, the good people, can help. I can be reached for more details and evidences at richardp20112012@gmail.com

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Thanks for reply. This forum is for discussion of issues regarding living in this city. Posters here have various background including people who are familiar with legal issues and would like to help. I believe this is the right place.

I have complained to Columbus Bar Association and Court of Disciplinary but they ignored the obvious facts and gave no explanation at all. I also tried other legal ways. The only left way is consulting the public. I believe the good Ohio people may have some ideas or suggestions to help me seek justice in this democratic country.

Again, thanks for reading this.

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